# ADVANCED REACTOR, FUEL CYCLE, AND ENERGY PRODUCTS WORKSHOP FOR UNIVERSITIES

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# Area Overall Work Scope

- Transmutation Science Provides Nuclear Data and Advanced Materials to Realize GNEP Goals
  - Nuclear data
  - Structural materials
  - Materials test station
  - Nuclear coolant and advanced alloys

#### Priorities

- High accuracy cross section data for specific isotopes
- Scientific understanding of materials behaviors under extreme conditions (corrosion, high temperature and irradiation)

#### FY06 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed Np237 fission cross section measurement over ten decades in incident neutron energy; also collected all data needed for Pu242, Pu240
- Completed Pu242 capture cross section measurement using DANCE detector, and collected capture data for Pu240
- Performed small scale mechanical testing of STIP-II irradiated samples in hot cells
- Made significant progress on multi-scale modeling of ferritic steels

# FY06 ACCOMPLISHMENTS (cont'd)

- A multi-lab team continued design work on Materials Test Station (MTS) - if constructed, MTS will be the only fast-spectrum neutron irradiation facility in US for more than a decade
- Completed a round of MTS design options review
- Continued materials testing and development, especially ODS steels, in DELTA and for a lead correlation stand
- Improved DELTA coolant chemistry control and completed a study on oxygen effects on heat transfer
- Completed a Pb/LBE corrosion test database and performed a model-based analysis

## **WORK IN PROGRESS FOR FY07**

- Complete Pu242 fission and Pu240 capture analyses, deliver data to evaluators
- Update MTS design with LBE coolant, conduct safety and thermal hydraulics analyses and testing
- Retrieve 100-200 dpa FFTF MOTA specimens and 160 dpa ACO3 duct
- Calculate point-defect energies in Fe-Cr system, and study irradiation creep with viscoplasticity code
- Conduct irradiation and corrosion experiment with proton beam
- Conduct extended materials testing and MTS component testing in DELTA

### PLANS FOR FY08-09

- Complete Pu240 fission analysis and take Pu239 capture data with DANCE
- Complete MTS design and pre-construction tests
- Extend atomistic modeling of alloy (Cr, Si, Mo, C ...) effects on mechanical properties
- Analyze FFTF specimens, prepare for and support MEGAPIE, STIP-V (PSI), MATRIX-SMI, FUTRIX-MI (Phenix), JOYO/BOR-60 irradiations
- Continue irradiation and corrosion tests associated with advanced alloy development

# Transmutation Science Break-out

#### Session - Frederick Suite 3:45-5:45PM

- Priorities, highlights and needs explained in details
- Program/laboratory contact information
- 3:45-4:15pm Nuclear Data
- 4:30-5:45pm Structural Materials & MTS













